

Ramsdell Silt Loam 82-ID-0564 (82ID-009-11)

Classification: coarse-silty, mixed, nonacid, frigid Typic Haplaquepts.

General Site Characteristics

Location: Benewah County, Idaho; 460 feet east and 1450 feet south of northwest corner of sec. 20, T. 46N., R. 1E.; approx. 1 mi. NW of St. Joe, Idaho.

Forest:

Area: St Joe SSA

Described By/Date: Soil Conservation Service personnel on October 13, 1982

Parent Rock/Material: alluvial sediments

Habitat Type: pasture grasses, forbes, clover

Topography: nearly level

Landform: flood plain

Weathering:

Formation Name:

Slope:

Aspect:

Elevation: 2133 feet

Soil Depth:

Eff. Rooting Depth:

Litter Type:

Surface Rock:

Climate:

Precipitation:

Erosion:

Infiltration:

Permeability: moderate

Storage:

Drainage: very poorly

Air Temp:

Soil Temp at 20 inches:

Salt/Alkal:

Remarks:

Pedon Description

A 0-15 cm. Light brownish gray (2.5Y 6/2) silt loam, dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) moist; weak fine subangular blocky structure parting to weak fine and medium granular structure; slightly hard, friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; very strongly acid pH 5.0; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; many very fine and fine, few medium tubular pores; ci2d dark brown (10YR 3/3) and dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) and dark brown (7.5YR 3/4); clear wavy boundary.

Bq1 15-28 cm. Light brownish gray (2.5Y 6/2) silt loam, dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) moist; weak fine and medium subangular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; strongly acid pH 5.1; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; common very fine and fine tubular pores; discontinuous thin (1 in.) band of darker silt loam material very dark brown (10YR 2/2) moist; few iron stains concentrated along root channels; common very fine mica flakes; clear wavy boundary.

Bq2 28-71 cm. Light brownish gray (2.5Y 6/2) silt loam, dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) moderate medium and coarse subangular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; strongly acid pH 5.4; common very fine, few fine and medium roots; common very fine and fine tubular pores; few iron stains concentrated along root channels; clear wavy boundary.

Bq3 71-91 cm. Light gray (2.5Y 7/2) silt loam, grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2) moist; moderate medium and coarse subangular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; strongly acid pH 5.4; common very fine, few fine roots; few very fine and fine tubular pores; two inch bands of darker dark brown (10YR 3/3) moist silt loam material possibly old root channels; abrupt wavy boundary.

Bqt4 91-140 cm. Light gray (2.5Y 7/2) silt loam, grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2) moist; moderate medium and coarse subangular blocky structure; hard, firm, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; moderately acid pH 5.7; few very fine and fine roots; few very fine, fine, and medium tubular pores; few thin and moderately thick clay films lining pores; compacted soil material; textural Bt horizon not an argillic; gradual wavy boundary.

Bqt5 140-158 cm. White (2.5Y 8/2) silt loam, light brownish gray (2.5Y 6/2) moist; moderate medium and coarse subangular blocky structure; hard, firm, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; moderately acid pH 5.9; few very fine and fine roots; few very fine, fine, and medium tubular pores; few thin and moderately thick clay films lining pores; compacted soil material; textural Bt horizon not an argillic.

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Sample No.	Horizon	Depth	pH paste	EC#10 <sup>s</sup>	Z Water at Saturation	Available P	Sesquioxides				Spodic
							Di-Citrate Fe	Extract Al	Pyrophosphate Fe	Extract Al	
		cm		mhos/cm		ppm					
1	A	0-15	5.0	0.26	69	1.6					
2	Bq1	15-28	5.1	0.16	80	3.3					
3	Bq2	28-71	5.4	0.11	63	3.6					
4	Bq3	71-91	5.4	0.10	63	3.1					
5	Bqt4	91-140	5.7	0.09	47	0.6					
6	Bqt5	140-158	5.9	0.12	46	0.6					

Sample No.	Exchangeable Ions				Ext. Acidity	CEC	Base	OM	OC	N	C:N	Soil	NaF pH
	Ca	Mg	Na	K	H		Saturation					Fraction	
	meq/100 gms						Z		Z		ratio		
1	3.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	15.8	18.6	20	5.69	3.31	0.241	14	1.00	8.7
2	3.9	0.3	0.2	0.1	18.0	12.3	20	4.73	2.75	0.207	13	1.00	8.9
3	5.2	1.3	0.3	0.1	12.2	13.8	36	2.18	1.27	0.090	14	1.00	8.8
4	7.9	3.5	0.4	0.1	11.5	12.5	51	1.85	1.07	0.102	10	1.00	8.5
5	3.6	2.8	0.2	0.2	7.9	18.5	46	0.52	0.30	0.034	9	1.00	8.6
6	5.7	4.0	0.4	0.2	7.1	13.0	59	0.48	0.28	0.043	7	1.00	8.5

Remarks: CEC's were leached 10% acidified NaCl.  
CEC's and nitrogens were run by steam distillation.  
Extractable cations were run on the Jarrell Ash atomic absorption.

Analysis by: Debbie Eisinger

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Depth	Particle Size Distribution (mm)								Gravel & Stone		
	VCS	CS	MS	FS	VFS	TS	TSi	TC	>2 mm		Textural
	2-1.0	1-0.5	0.5-0.25	0.25-0.1	0.1-0.05	2-0.05	0.05-0.002	<0.002	wt.	vol.	Classes
cm	%								%		
0- 15	1.70	0.42	0.87	4.76	7.02	14.77	73.59	11.63	none		Silt loam
15- 28	0.05	0.10	0.10	0.49	2.68	3.42	80.94	15.63	none		Silt loam
28- 71	0.01	0.05	0.04	0.40	2.61	3.12	83.49	13.40	none		Silt loam
71- 91	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.08	0.75	0.91	78.15	20.95	none		Silt loam
91-140	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.82	2.79	3.68	81.41	14.91	none		Silt loam
140-158	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.69	3.40	4.17	82.88	12.95	none		Silt loam

Depth	Silt Size Distribution (mm)				Water Content		Liquid	Plastic	Plastic
	CoSi	Msi	Fsi	Bulk Density	1/3	15	Limit	Limit	Index
	0.05-0.02	0.02-0.005	0.005-0.002	Clod Core	Bar	Bar			
cm	%			g/cc	%		%		
0- 15					48.8	21.3			
15- 28					57.9	27.5			
28- 71					51.3	13.7			
71- 91					52.9	19.8			
91-140					37.6	12.8			
140-158					39.4	12.9			

Remarks: Samples were run by the centrifuge method, 5% sodium hexametaphosphate added, sonified, and carbonates were not removed.

Analysis by: Anita L. Falen